

building of at least two steam batteries for the protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The preamble to said resolutions was amended, by striking out these words, "and particularly at the present crisis."

The said preamble and resolutions were then read the second time and assented to.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Graves, entitled an act to repeal an act, entitled an act to confirm an act, entitled an act to amend the constitution and form of government of this State, limiting the future sessions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Gaither moved that said bill be recommitted;

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, entitled an act to repeal the act of 1832, ch. 230;

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

Mr. Gaither called for the yeas and nays;

Which call was not sustained by the house.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The house adjourned until Monday morning, 12 o'clock.

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#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1841.

The house met. Present at the call of the roll the following members.

Messrs. Heard, Coad, Causin, Welsh of Kent, Edes, Jones of Kent, Gantt, Dorsey, Hellen, Bowling, Brent, Matthews, Poultney, Orrick, Randall, Martin, Willis, Parsons, Rider, Jones of Somerset, Williams, Keene, Frazier, Tall, Morton, Simcoe, Maxwell, Tuck, Maccubbin, Sprigg of Prince George's, Brewer, Ford, Paca, Forman, Cathell, Hooper, Richardson, Motter, William Lynch, Edward A. Lynch, Hope, Billingslea, Whiteford, Orrell, Sullivan, Gallagher, Presstman, Le Grand, Nesbitt, Weast, Zeigler, Claggett, Gaither, Sprigg, of Allegany, Coombs, Thayer, Shower, Boyle, Lecompte, Stull.

On motion of Mr. Tall,

The reading of the journal of proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Poultney presented the petition of sundry citizens of Baltimore county, relating to the office of State Geologist:

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Bowling presented the petition of sundry citizens of Charles county, praying the passage of a law to authorise the commissioners of said county to levy a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a causeway across Zachariah Swamp, near Bryantown;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bowling, Brent and Matthews.